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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : MANFRED T. REETZ ET AL.
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For : METHOD FOR PRODUCING AND IDENTIFYING NEW
HYDROLASES HAVING IMPROVED PROPERTIES

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January 24, 2000

Hon. Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel the original claims and substitute:

2126 26. A process for the preparation and identification of hydrolase mutants having improved properties with respect to stereo- or regioselectivity, characterized in that
a) a starting hydrolase gene is mutagenized by a modified polymerase chain reaction